THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal for Grant of special power to Jammu and Kashmir

3079. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh proposals with regard to the grant of special powers have been received from Jammu & Kashmir Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to grant more financial powers to the States so as to make them less dependent on the Centre; and

(e) if so, whether any scheme has been finalised in this regard in consultation with the State Governments and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) and (e) The Government is committed to continuing its endeavour to evolve a broad consensus on the implementation of steps for wide ranging devolution of powers to the States. The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission, which was constituted to go into all aspects of Centre-State relations, are being considered by the Inter-State Council, which have all the Chief Ministers of States and Administrators of the UTs as Members. Out of the 247 recommendations a view has been taken on 230 recommendations. Out of these, 108 recommendations have been implemented, 35 have not been accepted and 87 are at various stages of implementation. A number of the recommendations made by the Sarkaria Commission and accepted by the Inter State Council relate to the devolution of more power in the financial and other fields to the State Governments.

Till the 10th Finance Commission, States used to get a specified share of Union Income Taxes, Excise Duties, Additional Excise Duties and Grants in lieu of Railway Passenger Taxes. With the passing of the Constitution (89th Amendment) Bill, 29% of all taxes, including Corporation Tax and Customs

Duties, are devolved to States. This will result in an increase from Rs. 206343 Crores of taxes devolved during 10th Finance Commission period to an estimated Rs. 376318.01 Crores over the period 2000—2005, representing an increase of 82.37%.

Police official involvement in beating innocent person

3080. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Express Newsline dated 21st of November, 2001 under the heading, "He could not give a gift, cops thrash him to Hospital";

(b) if so, what are details thereof including the names of the police officials involved in the beating of innocent person who is in the hospital; and

(c) what action Government have taken against those policemen and whether enquiry has been conducted about the connivance of the S.H.O. of the area and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A complaint was received by Delhi Police on 19th November, 2001 that a shopkeeper who runs a ready-made garments shop at Tank Road, Delhi was admitted to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital after he was assaulted by some police personnel. In his statement recorded during the course of inquiry, the shopkeeper stated that he was beaten up by three police officials, namely, Shri Ram Avtar, Head Constable, Shri Jitender, Constable and Shri Pratap Singh, Constable because he refused to give Diwali gift to them.

(c) All the three accused police officials have been placed under suspension and a Departmental Inquiry has been initiated against them. The Vigilance Branch of Delhi Police is also conducting an inquiry to ascertain if the S.H.O. concerned was also involved in this incident.

Indo-German joint statement

3081. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Indo-German joint statement issued during visit of German Interior Minister recently; and